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Corps of Engineers opens flood gates at Canyon Lake

FORT WORTH, *Texas* - Officials with the Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began opening the flood gates at 1 p.m. today at Canyon Lake. Flood releases are necessary due to recent heavy rainfall in the watershed. The elevation at Canyon reached 913.74 feet mean sea level earlier today, which is 4.74 feet above conservation pool. The Corps plans to increase the flood release rate to 1,600 cubic feet per second (cfs) today and will continue to increase releases throughout the day tomorrow up to 5,000 cfs.

Officials from Comal County and the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority were briefed earlier today and were in agreement with the need to return the lake to conservation pool as soon as possible.

Maximum discharge rates will depend on downstream conditions and additional rainfall. Given no additional rainfall, releases will continue for 7 to 10 days in order to draw the lake down to conservation pool.

For more information, call the Canyon Lake project office at 830-964-3341.

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